

REMARKS

Claims 2-4, 6 and 8-22 have been pending.

Claims 2-4, 6, 8-18 and 21 are allowed.

Claims 19, 20 and 22 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Voit et al. (US 5,825,862) in view of Palmer et al. (US 2001/0038690).

Claims 19, 20 and 22 are cancelled without disclaimer or prejudice, thereby placing the application in condition for allowance with allowed pending claims 2-4, 6, 8-18 and 21.

Accordingly it is submitted that claims 2-4, 6, 8-18 and 21 remain pending and are allowed, and allowance of the present application is respectfully requested.


CONCLUSION

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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